

STARTS TOMORROW! OCTOBER 1-7
SOUTH PACIFIC AT MERIDIAN LITTLE THEATRE



Great Events!

OCTOBER 1-7, 2009 – “SOUTH PACIFIC”

Meridian Little Theatre opens its 77th season with this Rodgers & Hammerstein favorite.

www.meridianlittletheatre.com or call the box office at 601.482.6371.

OCTOBER 1, 2009 – INDIA ARIE IN CONCERT

Her 2001 debut single, “Video,” and her debut album, “Acoustic Soul,” showcased her guitar playing and confident vocals. 7:30 p.m. at MSU’s Riley Center, Meridian, Miss.

www.msurileycenter.com or call the box office at 601.696.2200. Tickets: \$55, \$49.

OCTOBER 2, 2009 – “SUCARNOCHEE REVUE”

A live taping of the radio program featuring local and regional music talents from all venues. Taping begins at 7 p.m. at the Temple Theater, Meridian, Miss. Admission:

\$5. For more information, contact

MCA Hosts

Youth Competition

Local arts organizations are coordinating efforts surrounding an upcoming theatrical presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird* is being presented at the Mississippi State University Riley Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available through the MSU Riley Center box office or online at www.msurileycenter.com. The famed movie version of the story will show at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Temple Theater Tuesday, October 27.

In celebration of this American classic, the arts community has joined together to present a variety of activities to engage young people and adults alike in reading (or re-reading) this literary classic. The MCA, Meridian Museum of Art and Lauderdale County/Meridian Library will be involved.

The Meridian Council for the Arts is conducting a Community Youth Arts Competition, including a literary arts (or book review) competition and a visual arts competition. The book review entries must be between 375 and 750 words and include basic information about the book, its author and main ideas, as well as a discussion of the book’s cultural significance and continued popularity. The visual arts entries must be inspired by the story of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and may include pencil drawings, illustrations, sketches, water color, oil or acrylic no larger than 16” x 20”. All ninth through twelfth grade students living in Meridian and Lauderdale County are invited to participate in either or both aspects of the competition. Three

Jack White, 205.652.6680.

**OCTOBER 2-4, 2009 – BAYFEST
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

BayFest will celebrate its 15th anniversary with an anticipated 200,000 guests on the streets of downtown Mobile for three days and nights. More than 125 live musical acts on nine stages.

www.bayfest.com.

**OCTOBER 2-4, 2009 – MOBILE
STREET RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL**

The fourth annual Mobile Street Renaissance Festival in Hattiesburg, will feature music, history, art, dance, workshops, lectures and barbecue cook-offs. Three music stages set up. Call Deborah Delgado at 601.582.2560 or visit

www.mobilestreetfestival.com.

**OCTOBER 3-4, 2009 – GEORGE E.
OHR FALL FESTIVAL OF ARTS**

The 16th annual festival, sponsored by the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art and the City of Biloxi, will be held on the Biloxi Town Green one block from the Gulf of

Mexico. www.biloxiartassociation.org.



winners from each category will be awarded cash prizes and their entries will be displayed at the MSU Riley Center and The Temple Theatre. Deadline for submitting entries is Friday, October 16. All entries should be mailed or delivered to the City of Meridian Cultural Affairs office, located below the Arts District Parking Garage. For more information, contact one of the Meridian Council for the Arts project chairpersons, Connie Royal, (601)485-1944, Debbie Martin, (601) 917-4664, or Anne McKee, (601) 681-8525. Students are encouraged to check out the book from their school library or Meridian Public Library. They may also purchase a paperback book for \$7.99 plus tax at MSU Meridian Bookstore located on Highway 19 North across from MCC.



RENAISSANCE WOMAN

Anne B. McKee is an author, playwright, storyteller, newspaper columnist, teaching artist, literary and performing artist, public speaker and creator of Mississippi heritage projects. She is one of three founders of Mississippi Writers Guild and served as the first executive director, one of two founders of Mississippi Storytellers – Tall Tales and Recollections.

In 2008, she was selected as a member of the Mississippi Artist Roster, sponsored by Mississippi Arts Commission, and listed as a literary and performing artist. In 2009, she was selected as a Teaching Artist for the Mississippi Artist Roster, also sponsored by Mississippi Arts Commission.

Her originally written, award winning, plays have been staged at the Star-Spangled Morning National Anthem Project and several community theaters throughout the state. As a writing workshop facilitator, she originated

MMA OFFERS ART CLASSES

The Meridian Museum of Art is now offering classes for young artists. Each 12-week session builds skill levels in drawing, painting and multi-media work. Classes are limited to ten students and are held Tuesday or Thursday from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Registration fee is \$10; 12-week session costs \$50 a month (total \$160) and includes all art materials used in the class. Call the museum at 601-693-1501 to register your child or email at meridianmuseum@bellsouth.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

This one you won't want to miss! It's the annual **THREEFOOT FESTIVAL** and the date has been set – April 3, 2010.

This year's festival will continue to build on the tremendous success of the 2008 event. More artists, more food, more music, **MORE FUN** for the entire family!

the “Friendly Beginnings for New Writers” – a workshop geared to the newest of new writers featuring the passion for writing, with many tips, technological resources, writing prompts, and exercises.

In the fall of 2008, she signed a contract with Turner Publishing Co., Nashville, to author “Historic Photos of Mississippi,” launched June 23 at the MSU/Riley Center. Anne will be featured on Mississippi Public Broadcasting/Radio for the Mississippi Arts Commission's *Mississippi Arts Hour* on Sunday afternoon, December 6 and is available to present programs for schools, libraries, civic clubs, churches, or community clubs, especially, programs with a Mississippi theme, history, state pride, or state heritage presentations. Please call her: (601) 681-8525, or (601) 479-2483. *(Photo by Rebecca Benson)*

JOIN TODAY!!

Many membership benefits and levels!
Call 601.693.2787 and we'll send you a membership brochure.

Our website is being updated and will soon feature an extensive calendar of events for our area. Wait for it!

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